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SUBJECT: PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MR. ROBERT ELLSWORTH
(ASD/ISA) TO GENERAL ULRICH DE MAIZIERE

1. GENERAL ULRICH DE MAIZIERE (RET.) AND MR. PIETER DANKERT (DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIAN) WERE CHARGED BY THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) TO PREPARE A STUDY OF THE QUOTE RATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES ON THE CENTRAL FRONT UNQUOTE. BOTH GENTLEMEN MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ROBERT ELLSWORTH ON THE 27TH OF JUNE AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS BY JOINT STAFF REPRESENTATIVES.

2. MR. ELLSWORTH HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY BONN FORWARD THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO GENERAL DE MAIZIERE AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THEIR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS (GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ADVISES THAT GENERAL DE MAIZIERE RESIDES UNCLASSIFIED

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AT 5300, BONN-BAD GODESBERG, ESCHENWEG - NO. 37):

QUOTE, DEAR GENERAL DE MAIZIERE: AS I INDICATED DURING THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION ON 27 JUNE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER IS VERY INTERESTED IN IDENTIFYING WAYS OF IMPROVING NATO'S CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITIES - WHICH YOU EXPLAINED WOULD BE THE FOCUS

OF YOUR STUDY FOR THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION ON THE RATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES ON THE CENTRAL FRONT.

I DO REGRET THAT, GIVEN THE PRESSURES OF TIME, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS YOUR STUDY CONCEPT IN GREATER DETAIL. I HAVE REVIEWED THIS MATTER WITH DR. HENRY GAFFNEY (SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE) WHOM YOU MET DURING YOUR VISIT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF HE WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND ON OUR DISCUSSION WITH YOU. DR. GAFFNEY IS FAMILIAR WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS FACING THE ALLIANCE. HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE US STUDY ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION WHICH WE ALSO DISCUSSED DURING YOUR VISIT. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AS WELL AS WITH THE US MISSION TO NATO BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION. DR. GAFFNEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO BONN TO MEET WITH YOU DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY, OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS YOU MAY FIND IT CONVENIENT.

I WOULD LIKE ONCE AGAIN TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL PLEASURE AT SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON. I DO HOPE THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SEE DR. GAFFNEY SOON IN BONN. WARMEST REGARDS, ROBERT ELLSWORTH. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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